

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
The Board of Trustees
Of the Beecher Fire Protection District**

On the 25th of July 2024, the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Beecher Fire Protection District was held at 7:00PM pursuant to the notice at Fire Station in Beecher, Illinois.

**July 25, 2024
Order of Business**

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

Roll Call: **Members Present:** M. Cook, D. Kolosh (arrived at 7:35pm), L. Siefker and M. Waterman.
Members Absent: B. Becker

Also Present: Chief Falaschetti, DC Heusing, AC McGannon and James Howard (via zoom).

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Trustee M. Waterman, seconded by Trustee L. Siefker to approve the minutes from the June 27, 2024 regular meeting. A motion was made by Trustee M. Waterman, seconded by Trustee L. Siefker to approve the minutes from the special meeting on July 8, 2024. All motions passed unanimously by a roll call vote, three ayes, two absent.

Treasurers Report: Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual report, Bank Reconciliation for checking accounts and Investment Reports for the month of June were distributed to trustees.

Approval of Bills: The bills for the month of July were reviewed and a motion was made to pay bills by Trustee M. Waterman, seconded by Trustee L. Siefker. Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote, three ayes, two absent.

NON-Discussion Agenda

Chief's Report: Working with the solar farms to assistance the district with brush truck project, recommended amendments were sent to the Village of Beecher for the 2021 International

Fire Code, Junior Fire Academy is this week, have 44 students, exploring options to run a Citizen Academy in the fall, district is hosting a Community Blood Drive and Resource Fair on August 3rd with Washington Township, Peace Lutheran Church and Farmers Market, grant updates, met with Biesterfeld farms to discuss district needs for agricultural rescue equipment, fuel system upgrade, automatic aid agreements (missing Cedar Lake FD), 100 series policy manual should be ready for August meeting, donations received (Corteva Agriscience [\$5,000 grain bin rescue] and Marthon Pipeline [\$2,500 gas meters]), waiting for final document from Industrial Appraisal, sharing staff schedule with neighboring departments, working with Washington Township on Beecher Community Phone App, received notifications that Matteson FD, Park Forest FD and Richton Park FD are leaving MABAS 27 and going to MABAS 24, Insurance quotes, New Utility 44, SCBA fit testing.

Deputy Chief's Report: Update on vehicle and equipment maintenance, total training firefighter training hours 4341, LT Cook and Daisy recertifying Fire/Arson Investigator, Reece graduated Riverside Paramedic Program and Rock completed FAE class.

Assistant Fire Chief: Mental Health Program officially started on June 24th, brochures have been delivered to local businesses. The program is on our website and Facebook page.

General Public: N/A

Discussion Agenda:

Committee Reports:

- A. Personnel** – 4 candidates will be attending Prairie State Fire Academy this fall and candidates will be doing 8 hours of ride per week. There is one contract spot open.
- B. Public Relations** – Junior Fire Academy this week.
- C. Communications** – Chief gave LLC update. Trustee D. Kolosh gave meeting update, approved budget and rebates.
- D. Village Liaison** – N/A
- E. Legal Update** – Chief gave an update on paid leave act.
- F. Pension Board** – Next meeting August 22, 2024

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

1. A motion was made by Trustee M. Waterman, seconded by Trustee L. Siefker to approve the Corporate Resolution for Midland States Bank Online Account Manager. Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote, three ayes, two absent.
2. A motion was made by Trustee M. Waterman, seconded by Trustee L. Siefker to reappoint Trust D. Kolosh to the Beecher Firefighter Pension Fund. Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote, three ayes, two absent.
3. A motion was made by Trustee L. Siefker, seconded by Trustee M. Waterman to approve the Danko Brush Truck Contract utilizing HGAC-FS12-23 pending the receipt of initial funds. Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote, three ayes, two absent.
4. A motion was made by Trustee M. Waterman, seconded by Trustee L. Siefker to accept Assured Partners insurance bid on P&C and A&S insurance packages, pending on no lower insurance bids being received before August 19, 2024 (renewal date). Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote, four ayes, one absent. (Trustee D, Kolosh arrived at 7:35pm).

Scheduled Meetings/ Seminars: Illinois Fire Service Conference September 15-18th.

Trustee Comments: N/A

Next Meeting Date/Time: August 22, 2024 at 7:00pm

Adjournment – A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53pm was made by Trustee M. Waterman, seconded by Trustee L. Siefker, motion carried.

Recorded by
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